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Federal 'Do Not Call List' Announced

(LANSING) – Sen. Wayne Kuipers, R-Holland, announced today that those pesky telemarketing phone calls can now be curbed thanks to a database established by the Federal Trade Commission.

“Often those phone calls come in at rather inopportune times,” said Kuipers. “I am pleased that measures have been taken that will allow families to enjoy their evenings without the hassle of telephone solicitors.”

Residents can link to the registration page by visiting the Senate Republican Web site at www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/. In addition, residents will be able to register from their own home phone beginning July 7. Enrollment is free.

In fact, consumer inquiries led the Michigan Legislature to pass a bill to restrict telemarketers and create a Do-Not-Call list late last year. Sen. Kuipers added that lawmakers recognized a single list would provide both state and federal protection, and required the adoption of a federal list if one was created.

“The eagerly expected Do-Not-Call list sets the wheels in motion for residents to halt nuisance phone calls,” said Kuipers.

However, Sen. Kuipers cautioned residents of the 30th Senate District about a new wave of scams targeting the widespread interest in the Do-Not-Call registry.

“Consumers should know that registration with the Federal Trade Commission is free and cannot be done through private companies,” he said.

For more information on how to register for the Do-Not-Call list or how to avoid a Do-Not-Call scam, contact Sen. Kuipers’ office at (517) 373-6920.